# MSC Monitor

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## A DECADE OF ANTARCTIC EXPLORATION

Come listen to geologist Bill Long, Ph. D. talk about his experience in Antarctica. His slide presentation and talk will be followed by open discussion and is open to the public. Tuesday, February 12, 7:00 pm. in room FSM 204.

Dr. Long will share his experiences in Antarctica over a ten year period from 1957-1967 as a glaciologist with Byrd IGY Station and later as a research associate with Ohio State University. His research included the planning and execution of five expeditions to Antarctica, data analysis and publication. His

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## Art In the Atrium

There is a wonderful photo/pottery show of work by Dennis Mc Kenzie currently on display beginning February 1. Pictures will be inserted in the next few days.

Dennis Mc Kenzie relays in his artist statement, I was born in 1947, in San Francisco, California, a child of a U.S. Marine and the New Zealand woman he fell in love with during the War in the Pacific. My parents settled in San Francisco after the war and raised four children of whom I am the oldest.

Photography was my first love in the arts. When I was 16 years old, I learned to scuba dive and became an assistant dive instructor. My diving mentor was also a photographer who had a small darkroom set up in the back of his dive shop in San Francisco. This was the time of the

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## IN YET ANOTHER CHAPTER IN THE LIFE OF OUR BELOVED P.T.

P.T. Chang has been an instructor at MSC since 1988. During his tenure, P.T. has received numerous awards.

To list the more recent, in 1998, he received the Outstanding Full Time Teaching Award simultaneously with the Teacher Excellence Award, the first faculty to have done so. In 1999, he received the Mathematics Association of America's Pacific Northwest Section Award for Distinguished College or University Teaching of Mathematics.

More recently, P.T. was awarded the 2001 Alaskan Professor of the Year Award from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education. Dr. Chapman, UAA Provost, on November 27, 2001, and Chancellor Gorsuch on January 30, 2002, made presentations to P.T. here at MSC to celebrate this latest achievement.

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I would like to express my thanks to Amy for her example of determination and hard work over the years. Without her direction and guidance years ago, I would not be as far as I am now in producing this newspaper.

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## *STUDENTS IN THE NEWS*

In honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. and the difference he made, Chancellor Gorsuch held a luncheon to give notice to students who were nominated that they too make a difference.

Tiffany Bowers was nominated by Marjorie Payton-Hewlett and Cheryl Brummer for outstanding commitment to the students serving as the Student Government President the Fall 2001 semester.

Theresa Curtis was nominated by Cheryl Brummer for her diligent effort to strive for and achieve a heavy class load, high GPA and maintain a happy spirit despite the adversities in her life.

Ray Reed and Yaniv Atzmon were nominated by P.T. Chang for their work in the Math Department in the areas of tutoring, assembling Christmas baskets, math club duties, and maintaining good grades.

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Relay For Life

A Team Event to Fight Cancer

RELAY FOR LIFE

Mat-Su Valley Relay for Life held at Colony High School Track
May 17-18, 2002
Get a team together and call Annie at 745-9127

American Cancer Society

**DAFFODIL DAYS**
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## DREAM TO DO IT: WALT DISNEY WORLD COLLEGE PROGRAM

A representative from the Walt Disney World College Program will be visiting our campus on Wednesday, March 13. They will be giving a presentation at 4:00 p.m. to talk about their summer paid internship program at Disney World in Florida. Following the presentation they will be interviewing students who are interested in applying for an internship. I will be putting up posters around campus and I'll put a copy of some of the promotional materials that were sent to me in the Monitor mailbox for you to review. You can also visit the website www.wdwcollegeprogram.com to find out information about the program.

Walt Disney World COLLEGE PROGRAM

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## FREE SMOKING CESSATION CLASS

Mondays, February 18 through April 1, 2002 from 12:00 noon - 1:00 pm in room FSM 103 and will be instructed by Ann Yaros, LCSW, CADC II
Sponsored by:HRC, Inc.

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## CORRECTION

In the January newspaper, there is an incorrect phone number for Andrea in financial. The correct phone number is **745-9724**.

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**Letter to the Editor:**

I also believe the MSC Monitor is a good outlet for students to express their opinions and concerns, share their experience and research, and especially and most importantly at times, their frustrations, such as what I recently experienced as I sat behind a car making a left turn at a traffic signal. When the light turned green, the driver continued to sit there until all the oncoming traffic was clear, and then he (or she) pulled into the intersection and made the turn, but by that time, the light had turned red again, leaving me to wait through another cycle.

Maybe I'm old fashioned, but fifty years ago when I learned to drive, (blah, blah, blah), I was taught to pull into the middle of the intersection to wait for the oncoming traffic to clear. That gave the car behind me enough room to pull around me if it was going straight, or it could follow close behind me if it was also turning left.

There is nothing dangerous or reckless about this. All the cross traffic is at a standstill and if the oncoming vehicle is also turning left, there is room for both of us to do so, otherwise, the person turning left always yields to the oncoming traffic, which is the customary and lawful thing to do, and it can be done inside the intersection just as well as at the crosswalk.

Restricting an intersection that has no left turn lane to only one left-turning vehicle per green light can be a disaster to the flow of traffic during the (all day long) rush hour congestion in the Palmer/Wasilla area.

Art Carney

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work as a field glaciologist involved exploring 2400 miles of ice cap and spending a winter at Byrd Station. Scientific discoveries made while on these expeditions included the geographic discovery and mapping of a mountain range, fossils, rock units and important parts of continental drift and plate tectonics.

In 1967, Dr. Long was a member of the American Antarctic Mountaineering Expedition which made the first ascent of Antarctica's highest summits.

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# MORE NEWS, PICTURES, AND ARTICLES ARE AVAILABLE ON THE WEB

www.matsu.alaska.edu/mscmonitor.current_edition.htm

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Nikon F and the emergence of the SLR 35mm camera. I was hooked. I roamed the California coastline on dive trips or by hitchhiking from Big Sur to Mendocino seeking images that moved me. I did this for a number of years while working odd jobs from California to Alaska.

In 1973, I fell in love with pottery while living in Southern California. It was something I had wanted to try for some years. I finally found an opening in a summer class at Chaffy College near Upland, CA and studied with Lindley Mixon, a gifted teacher, who became a close friend and mentor. After a few years we returned to Alaska where I worked as a carpenter until my pottery skills were good enough, and I have been a Professional Studio Potter for the last 25 years here in the Mat-Su Valley. I have shown my work at far too many galleries and art fairs to mention. I now also teach pottery at my own studio near Big Lake and have been doing so for some 7 or 8 years.

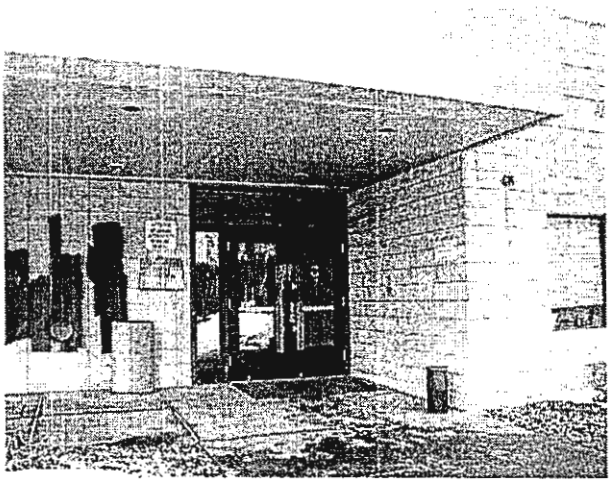
I am also a sailor and have sailed here in Alaska for 16 years. My wife, Vicki Cole, and our son, David, took an extended cruising trip in our own boat from Alaska to Mexico to Hawaii and back to Seward in the years of 1989 to 1991. Now we sail mostly in Prince William Sound during the summer, trying to capture its wonders and mystery on film.

In 1999, my interest in photography was rekindled and I brought myself up-to-date on the latest technology. I learned about the "Digital Darkroom" revolution. This is how I do my own work now. I use 35mm Nikon gear and some medium format slide film and scan into Photoshop 6 to work my images. Sometimes, I manipulate the images very little and sometimes a lot. I print the larger prints using the Hahnemuhle collection of fine art papers.

I wish to capture a feel of place that gives me an emotional response to the mystery of the landscape and sea interface that I love so well. I find great creativity and thus deep satisfaction working in Photoshop to fine-tune the images. My favorite images tend to be on the dark side, with large areas of black counterpointing rich areas of color and texture with an abstract or impressionistic viewpoint.

**FOR PURPOSES OF INFORMING, NOT OFFENDING:**

THERE ARE DESIGNATED AREAS FOR SMOKING AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE CAMPUS. THE FRONT DOORS BY THE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE AND BUSINESS OFFICES **ARE NOT** DESIGNATED AS SMOKING AREAS. ALL PERSONS WAITING FOR TRANSPORTATION AT THE FRONT DOORS ARE ASKED TO SMOKE ONLY AT THE DESIGNATED AREAS. THE ASHTRAYS ARE LOCATED AT ALL DOORS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISPOSING TRASH, CIGARETTE BUTTS, GUM, ETC.



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***STUDENT GOVERNMENT NEWS***

***NEXT STUDENT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 22 IN THE STUDENT LOUNGE, TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED. REVISIONS IN CLUB FUNDING TO BE DISCUSSED, PLUS OTHER AGENDA ITEMS.***

## *SENATORS ARE NEEDED AND WANTED.*

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## CLUB NEWS

***Club news always welcome....as of printing time....***

***ART CLUB***

The meeting schedule is every two weeks alternating between Wednesday/Thursday. The next meeting will be February 13th. All interested, please attend. Contact Vicki Cole at 745-9734 for more information.

***MATH CLUB***

The Math Club will be meeting every other Wednesday and the Math Lab is open for further study while classes are in session and while there is a Math Club member to assist.

**BAKE SALE IN THE LOBBY BY STUDENT SERVICES**
Wednesday, February 13, 2002 from 8:30 am to 6:30 pm

*ART NEWS*

*UPCOMING EVENTS*

***Eggs-bition: 2002 theme "String Me Along" Entries Due February 25, 2002 Opening March 4, 5:00-7:00pm with the show ending March 25.***

More details available by calling 745-9742 or stopping by the campus and picking up an information sheet from the Art Office.

POTTERY/PHOTO SHOW

A student pottery show will begin February 15

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## Daffodil Days

You know spring can't be too far off when you start seeing the familiar yellow daffodils. Brighten up your desk with daffodils and support the American Cancer Society's "Daffodil Days" on March 12, 2002. Bouquets are $6.00 each and must be pre-ordered by February 19. Student Government representatives will be taking orders this week. Or you can stop by the Director's Office to place your order.

**Please make payment with a check or credit card only-- no cash.**

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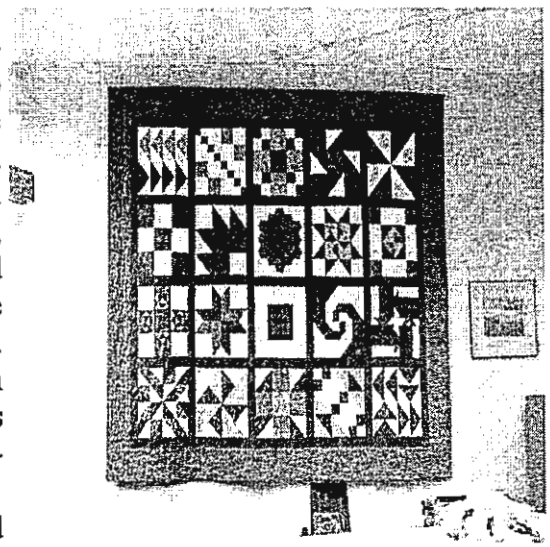
## Quilt in A&R

You may have noticed a block quilt hanging behind Robin Burdick's desk in the Admissions and Records office. The quilt was donated to the college by several of the staff at MSC. The group included Bette Belanger, Kim Bloomstrom, Connie Cannon, Jo Didiano, Korry Dunham, Gini Geary, Sandy Gravley, Betsy Korzeniewski, Marjorie Payton-Hewlett, Judy Stahancyk and Bonnie Wendt. Each contributed one or more blocks to the project. Stop by and take a look. Other staff, faculty and student have expressed an interest in holding one-day workshops on various quilting techniques and perhaps another joint project.



If you are a quilter (at any level) and would like to participate in something of the sort, contact Bette Belanger at pnbab@matsu.alaska.edu.

## *It's not too late !*

You can still sign up for the following spring '02 classes:

| Starts | |
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| Exploring the Internet | Feb. 21 |
| First Aid/CPR | Mar. 6 |
| Hospice Volunteer Training | Mar. 6 |
| Grant Proposal Writing | Mar. 8 |
| Racism | Mar 15 |
| Log Cabin Construction | Mar. 30 |
| Anger Management | Mar. 30 |
| Art of Archery | Apr. 1 |
| Birds of Mat-Su | Apr. 5 |
| Creating Mac Web Pages | Apr. 5 |
| Assertiveness Training | Apr. 20 |

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**JKB 124** has been selected to house the English computer classroom. Beginning next fall all composition classes will be taught in this room. All library orientations will be facilitated in this room as well. This computer classroom is the successful result of an initiative request submitted by Viola Harrison and Leza Madsen in order to bring all writing and library classes up to national standards.

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Another feature of the Title III Grant is now up and running in the Student Services Center of Mat-Su College. We have started pilot testing COMPASS, Mat-Su College's computer-adaptive placement test which measures a student's skills in reading, writing and mathematics. COMPASS is very user friendly, has no time limit and will help students and advisors determine the best placement in Mat-Su College Courses.
COMPASS testing will be available daily, Mon.-Fri. 8:30a.m.-3:00p.m. in FSM 102.

**Dear Valentine**

BethAnn Stokes

Loving you made me feel

Like a diamond.

All it took was the gentlest touch of betrayal

To shatter my perfect heart to dust.

My thoughts of you

Like a rose.

Thorns ripping my soul

Wilting petals, crumpling dreams.

The words you speak are

Like rainbows.

Illusions and lies

Beautiful from afar, nothing within.

The cost is $10.00, payable at the Bookstore, and takes approximately 1 1/2-2 hours. Appointments are suggested.
Thanks to the staff of the Title III Grant, especially LuJean!

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# *EXPRESSIONS CAFÉ*

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| HOURS OPEN: | MONDAY-THURSDAY | 8:00AM—8:30PM |
| | FRIDAY | 8:00AM—2:30PM |
| | SATURDAY | 8:00AM—1:00PM |

# NOW IS THE TIME

# TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID

# FOR FALL 2002

# Explore your options!!